

**REMARKS**

The Office Action mailed September 3, 2004 has been reviewed and carefully considered. Claims 1 to 10, 13 to 18, 22 and 23 are allowed. Claims 19 to 21 have been cancelled. Thus, only allowed claims 1 to 10, 13 to 18, 22 and 23 now remain pending. Reconsideration of the above-identified application, as herein amended and in view of the following remarks, is respectfully requested.

At the outset, sincere appreciation is expressed for the Examiner's allowance of claims 1 to 10, 13 to 18, 22 and 23. Since these are only claims that now remain pending in this application, applicant submits that the entire application is now in condition for immediate allowance.

Such action, and early passage of the case to issue, are therefore once more solicited.

It is believed that no fees or charges are required at this time in connection with the present application; nevertheless, if any such fees or charges are deemed necessary at this time, they may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

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